Repairs to tank in Vellangonda Agaram village

* 997-O *Q.*—Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR (on behalf of Sri M. JAGANNATHAN) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken so far to repair the tank in Vellangonda Agaram village No. 265, Madurantakam taluk, Chingleput district; and

(*b*) the reasons for the delay?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The tank was previously repaired by the (Estate) Minor Irrigation Department at a cost of about Rs. 4,350. Investigation for further repairs to bring the tank to standards has been taken up by the Food Production Circle.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

(Note.—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.)

II.—POINT OF ORDER *RE* ADMISSION OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS DURING THE BUDGET SESSION.

Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : On a point of order, Sir இந்தச் சபையிலே அழுகிப்போகக்கூடிய பொருள்கள் வியாபாரம் செய்பவர்கள் ஹர்த்தால் செய்வது பற்றி குறுகிய கால நோட்டீஸ் கேள்வி, ரூல் 40 மோஷன் பல அங்கத்தினர்கள் கொடுத்திருந்தும், இந்தச் சபையிலே பதில் இதுவரையிலும் கிடைக்காமல் இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் அடுத்த மேல் சபையிலே இதுபற்றி நேற்று ஒரு ஒத்திவைப்பு பிரேரேபணை வந்திருப்பதாக சபையிலே குறிப்பிடப்பட்டு, அது தள்ளுபடியாகியுள்ளது. அது ஒழுங்கானதா, சட்டசபை நடவடிக்கைகளுக்கு அது உகந்ததா என்பதுபற்றி கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள் பதில் கூறுமாறு வேண்டிக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

Mr. SPEAKER : My duty is to admit any motion under Rule 40 of the Assembly Rules. If the hon. Member is going to raise a matter of privilege, he may raise it and I shall look into the proceedings and do what is necessary. I have no objection.

* Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : So far as the short-notice question is concerned, it has been admitted and the Hon. Minister has agreed to answer it. I think it will come up before the Assembly to-morrow. But I am not sure and the position requires some clarification.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member, Sri S. M. Annamalai, to adjourn the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the strike by merchants dealing in perishables from to-day onwards. Now, normally when the Assembly is in session and a certain number of hours is set apart for discussion of the various Demands for grants, we do not allow adjournment motions to be moved. There are three other courses open to a Member, viz., asking a short-notice question, or calling attention of the concerned Minister under Rule 40 or asking that the concerned Demand—here it is the Sales Tax Demand—be taken up so that the matter may be discussed threadbare. During the budget session,